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Subject: Memo - Closure of Charleson to Non-Transit Vehicles

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manger - Engineering Services, providing an update on the closure of Charleson to non-transit vehicles.

A summary of the memo is as follows:

- On May 4, 2016, Council approved the closure of Charleson between Lamey's Mill Road and Moberly Road to non-transit vehicles as part of improvements to the South False Creek Seawall from Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge (RTS 11337)
- Staff are moving forward with a pilot closure to be implemented in March 2017 during the Vancouver School Board spring break
- Vehicle access to all residences, businesses, and False Creek Elementary School will be maintained
- Use of Charleson will be maintained for transit vehicles (i.e. the #50 bus route), emergency vehicles, and people on bikes
- Staff will monitor how the closure impacts vehicle traffic on surrounding streets and review public feedback
- If the closure meets the project objectives, the temporary barriers will be replaced with a permanent design
- The closure is intended to increase safety and comfort for people cycling on the Seaside Bypass route by shifting vehicle through-traffic to the arterial on West 6th Avenue and reducing vehicle shortcutting on neighbourhood streets

Please contact Paul Storer, Manager of Transportation Design at 604.873.7693 or paul.storer@vancouver.ca if you have any questions or require more information.

Best,
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MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2017

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
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FROM: Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Closure of Charleson to Non-Transit Vehicles

This memo provides an update on the closure of Charleson between Lamey's Mill Road and Moberly Road to non-transit vehicles.

Background

On May 4, 2016, Council approved a series of improvements to the Seaside Greenway - South False Creek Seawall from Burrard Bridge to Cambie Bridge (RTS 11337). The project included improvements to the Seaside Bypass cycling route along Lamey's Mill Road, Charleson, Moberly Road and Commodore Road. The closure of Charleson to non-transit vehicles was also included as a future consideration. Council directed staff to work with stakeholders to implement the Future Considerations in amended motion F.

The closure of Charleson is intended to increase safety and comfort for people cycling on the Seaside Bypass route by shifting vehicle through-traffic to the arterial on West 6th Avenue and reducing vehicle shortcutting on neighbourhood streets.

Charleson between Lamey's Mill Road and Moberly Road runs adjacent to West 6th Avenue and south of Charleson Park. Vehicle access to all residences, businesses, and False Creek

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Elementary School will be maintained. Use of Charleson will be maintained for transit vehicles (i.e. the #50 bus route), emergency vehicles, and people on bikes.

Public Consultation

Hundreds of residents participated in-person and online in two phases of public consultation on the South False Creek Seawall Improvements project in fall 2015 and winter 2016.

A key theme staff heard throughout the process is that the Seawall is a place for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy at a leisurely pace on foot and bike. We also heard that there is a need to improve the Seaside Bypass route to provide a direct alternative for people who wish to cycle faster to reach their destination.

Nearly 50 per cent of participants in our fall 2015 phase felt closing Charleson to non-transit vehicle traffic would improve conditions on the South False Creek Seawall, and 22 per cent felt it would not (the remainder answered "unsure/don't know").

Staff have met with Coast Mountain Bus Company, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, and False Creek Elementary School regarding the closure and are providing notification to the surrounding community. A copy of the newsletter being distributed to the neighbourhood is attached.

Design and Implementation

The closure will be implemented in March 2017 during the Vancouver School Board spring break. Temporary barriers and signage will be installed on Charleson at the intersections with Lamey's Mill Road and Moberly Road. Staff will monitor how the closure impacts vehicle traffic on surrounding streets and review public feedback. If the closure meets the project objectives, the temporary barriers will be replaced with a permanent design.

Additional future improvements to the Seaside Bypass route, including paint and signage, will be provided at key intersections on Lamey's Mill, Moberly and Commodore Roads, and along connections to the Seawall.

Please contact Paul Storer, Manager of Transportation Design at 604-873-7693 or paul.storer@vancouver.ca if you have any questions or require more information.



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Seaside Bypass Cycling Route: Closure of Charleson to non-transit vehicles

On May 4, 2016, Vancouver City Council approved South False Creek Seawall improvements between Burrard and Cambie Bridges. Construction is now underway on the project to improve safety, comfort and capacity for people walking and cycling along this section of the Seaside Greenway/Seawall.

As part of this project, Council directed staff to move forward with the closure of Charleson to non-transit vehicles.

What will the closure look like?

Temporary barriers and signage will be installed on Charleson at the intersections with Lamey's Mill Road and Moberly Road.

During the monitoring period, staff will conduct traffic counts on nearby streets and review public feedback. If the closure meets the project objectives, the temporary barriers will be replaced with a permanent design.



Initial signage on Charleson

What is changing?

In March, Charleson between Lamey's Mill and Moberly Roads will close to non-transit vehicle traffic. Implementation will be coordinated with Seawall construction work.

- Vehicle access to all residences, businesses, and False Creek Elementary School will be maintained
- Use of Charleson between Lamey's Mill Road and Moberly Road will be maintained for transit vehicles, emergency vehicles, and people on bikes
- Shifting vehicle through-traffic to the arterial on West 6th Avenue will reduce short-cutting on neighbourhood streets and increase safety and comfort for people walking and cycling
- Improving safety and comfort on the Seaside Bypass route will provide a high-quality cycling alternative to the Seawall for those who wish to cycle faster to reach their destination

Map: Charleson closure from Lamey's Mill Road to Moberly Road



Photo: Charleson, looking east at School Green

Questions or comments?

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South False Creek Seawall Improvements: Public Consultation Highlights

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A key theme we heard throughout the process is that the Seawall is a place for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy at a leisurely pace on foot and bike. We also heard that there is a need to improve the Seaside Bypass route along Lamey's Mill Road, Charleson, Moberly Road and Commodore Road to

provide a direct alternative for people who wish to cycle faster to reach their destination.

In our fall 2015 phase, we asked participants whether they felt closing Charleson to non-transit vehicle traffic would improve conditions on the South False Creek Seawall. Nearly 50 per cent felt it would, while only 22 per cent felt it would not (the remainder answered "unsure/don't know").



Photo: Charleson, looking west at Moberly Road

What's next?

- Staff will monitor how the closure of Charleson impacts vehicle traffic on surrounding streets and review public feedback
- Additional improvements to the Seaside Bypass Route, including paint and signage, will be provided at key intersections on Lamey's Mill Road, Moberly Road, and Commodore Road, and along connections to the Seawall
- Recommended future improvements include enhanced connections to other bike routes and to the Laurel Land Bridge

Upcoming Neighbourhood Planning Process

The City is embarking on a new land use planning process for the False Creek South neighbourhood. Residents will be notified about how to participate in the coming months.

If you have any questions about this process, please call 3-1-1 to be directed to the staff team.

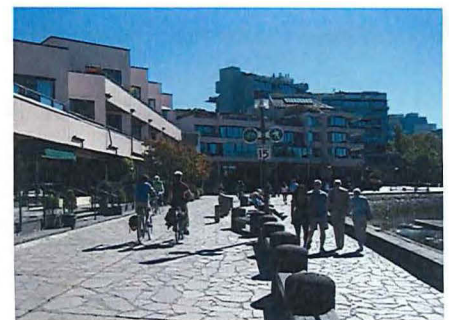


Photo: Seawall near Stamps Landing



For more information on the South False Creek Seawall Improvements project, including open house display boards, the report to City Council, and construction updates, visit: vancouver.ca/seawall

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